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THERE IN THE BEGINNING - Three members of the original 1976 executive were on hand for last Tuesday's celebration of 40 years of service by the Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary. Left to right are the first-ever vice president Joslien Wannechko, secretary Deanna Fakeley and president Ruth Vogel, who shared the challenges of starting up the new organization with the late Violet McFadyen, who was the treasurer at that time, the late Elsie Oryschuk, canteen chair, and Rilla Higgins, publicity chair.

Vicki Brooker photo

Healthcare Auxiliary celebrates 40 years' service

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Two dozen current and former members of the Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary gathered in the Empress Banquet Room last Tuesday evening to celebrate four decades of service to the Healthcare Centre.

"We are so pleased to have you here tonight to reflect on the past 40 years - isn't that amazing?" asked current Auxiliary president Myrna Fox, who added that it was "very special to have the original president Ruth Vogel and original vice president Joslien Wannechko with us tonight.

"Those of you who were involved in the initial years of the Auxiliary deserve great credit. It was hard back then to get an organization going, although Alberta Health Care Auxiliaries Association pushed all of us to do so. You built the foundation for what the Auxiliary has continued to build on, and we're still following the same goals. Tonight is your night to remember, reflect, share and enjoy yourselves."

Auxiliary secretary and longtime member Agnes Moroziuk came forward to make a special presentation to three "almost 40-year members," Lois Sharek, Gunnie Nelson and Gloria Lecopoy.

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Town plans major water line rehabilitation project

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council started off the new year with plans for a major project, passing a resolution to undertake the rehabilitation of existing waterlines on Circle Drive, 52 Street and Ravine Drive over the next one to two years, with work to start later this year and be completed in 2018. The administration was asked to hire an engineering firm to prepare design and tender packages in consultation with the town's solicitor, creating a contract that would require the contractor to carry the Town of Elk Point financially for four to five years on the project. The town will use MSI Capital Grant funding for 2017, 2018,

2019 and 2020 for this project and its engineering cost and legal fees.

Council learned that the existing waterlines are over 40 years old in these areas and have deteriorated due to soil conditions and age. The streets will not be replaced, except over residential service connections, with replacement of the existing waterline to be trenchless and done by boring, with the exception of one section at the northwest corner of Circle Drive and for individual residential services.

Golf Club

Elk Point Golf and Country Club president Don Schultz visited town council to give them a rundown on the past year's operations and the club's plans for the coming year. The club

had "a decent year" in 2016, although revenue dropped from \$389,000 the previous year to \$331,000, a fact that was reflected in the net profit, especially after the purchase of a greens mower that had not been in the budget. Both membership and green fees were down from 2015, but driving range fees increased, their STEP Grant was approved, and "we kept our costs under control. Financially, we're carrying our own weight and there is no need for concern from the town or the community."

During the year, the club improved drainage on holes 1 and 6, cleared necessary trees and utilized a water line from the water treatment plant, as well as upgrading the fire suppression equipment in the clubhouse. The staff did

some extra work at the ball diamonds and soccer field and received good feedback, Schultz said.

This year's number one project is their water system, and the club plans to bring in seismic testing to see if a potential site for a water well can be found and developed with grant funding. Last year, the electric motors on both water pumps went down at the end of the season and had to be repaired. A second project is to put cold mix on the cart path between holes 2 and 3, and fix the path at hole 6. Trees have been planted on holes 1 and 2, and they hope to plant more this year, Schultz said. "It makes the course more challenging, and the trees have been donated for the taking."

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CAPC suggestion helps slow down speeders

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A suggestion made at the last Community Advisory Policing Committee (CAPC) meeting is helping to cut down on speeding on Highway 41. A recommendation that the Town of Elk Point borrow a speed display sign from the County of St. Paul was taken to town council, and the sign was put in place a few weeks later.

"We're getting calls from residents about the sign," Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich told last week's CAPC meeting. "They say they like it." Good feedback about the sign also came from chamber of commerce members at that group's January meeting, he noted.

"You see a lot of brake lights as people notice the sign," added Brant Evans, who represented the oil industry at the CAPC meeting.

The sign had some issues with its solar power unit, but the county has been advised of the problem and it should be back in operation shortly.

Evans also reported on oil patch activity, which he said has picked up from 10 to 15 per cent, with companies hiring and advertising for workers. The increased activity seems to have cut back on petty theft from oil lease sites, with more traffic in the area acting as a deterrent. He told the committee that new Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) rules came into effect Jan. 1 and that workers are required to call TDG first and then the RCMP to report incidents such as an oil truck going off the road, whether or not a spill has occurred.

RCMP Corp. Bobby Burgess, who had just returned to town from one such incident, when a vacuum truck rolled along the Murphy Road, added that the Fire Department also attends such events to secure the scene and that it is the responsibility of the company owning or leasing the truck to pump off the truck's contents to prevent environmental damage. He also reported that the truck driver was not injured in the rollover.

Levina Ewasiuk reported on behalf of local seniors and said their concerns include a fear of becoming a victim of fraud and a fear of break-and-enters at their homes. She thanked the Elk Point RCMP for being out on New Year's Eve, "making sure our friends got home safely."

Megan Phillips reported on behalf of the F. G. Miller High School students, saying that the Santa's Workshop, where children could come in and purchase donated gifts for their families at a very affordable cost was "pretty busy" during the school's craft and trade show during Christmas Extravaganza. The Christmas Brunch was a success once again, with the Grade 12s cooking and serving, with help from the Grade 11 Home Ec class on the desserts. Senior high students are busy preparing for diploma exams. Volleyball season had ended and basketball season has started. The SADD group had a candy cane checkstop, partnering with the RCMP, Fire Department, peace officers and the Heinsburg SADD group, where "we encouraged lots of drivers to drive safe and make smart choices, especially over the holidays."

Sherry Bower Gagne said that with the annual Random Acts of Kindness Week coming up at F. G. Miller, the students are wondering what they should do to help the community. "We are looking for ideas; know there are families in need."

Pastor Jim MacLellan said that while the Baptist Church food pantry no longer has an open door on a daily basis, "we still have resources to help people. Just getting food doesn't solve the problem. If there's a family in crisis, we want to help." Victim Services coordinator Ashley McQueen told the group that another source of help for families in crisis would be Alberta Works.

Ewasiuk suggested another helpful act of kindness would be to shovel snow for seniors, which Bower Gagne said was on last year's RAK list, but few students were interested in doing that.

Orest Sereda reported on behalf of Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, and said five members

will be attending the Provincial Rural Crime Watch Conference. The GLRCW annual meeting is coming up on Feb. 16 in St. Paul.

County Coun. Dwight Dach said the county had sent out the snowplows the previous day, and in view of the heavy drifting, "we maybe should have waited another day."

McQueen said in her report that there is more family violence at this time of year, and that break-and-enters are still prevalent. Elk Point Victim Services also has their annual meeting in February, which will take place at F. G. Miller High School, with election of the board and selection of committees on the agenda. This year she hopes to make the agency more visible in the community. Victim Services is "the voice of victims as they go through the court system." She said that a victim of crime "doesn't have to be traumatized" to hand in a victim impact statement, it is enough that they have been affected in some way. The victim impact statements could make a perpetrator's sentence longer, she noted. While her current lineup of volunteers is sufficient at this point, "I'll need more when the new detachment is finished." She will also be looking for someone to take over her role when her husband RCMP Cst. Unger, is rotated out of the community next year.

Corp. Burgess gave a rundown on policing statistics for the past year, with a total of 3,078 calls, 741 of them from in town, 570 from the county, 1,137 from Frog Lake, 294 from Fishing Lake and 336 from Heinsburg and Lindbergh. One individual was recently given a 90-day sentence for property crimes and was among multiple people taken into custody in northeast Alberta on similar charges, some of whom may be connected to the break-ins at Lindbergh store. Sgt. Barry LaRocque is currently spending two weeks working at K Division, he reported, and two members of the detachment will be leaving soon, Cst. Deroche in February and Cst. Cormack in March. A new recruit, Cst. Francis Langtot has now arrived, with another addition to the staff coming in March or April.

Town Council

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The purchase of a greens roller is also on the wish list, and the club is looking at a used one. They also hope to install a point of sale unit in the clubhouse to facilitate booking tee times, etc. The club currently is in discussion with the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce regarding acquisition and relocation of the wind turbine to the golf course to power the water pumps.

Schultz concluded his presentation by thanking the council for a good working relationship, and expressed the club's appreciation to the town.

Fibre Optic

The CAO and members of council attended the Dec. 19 meeting on broadband sponsored by North East Alberta HUB, and are at the point "where we can contact Axia or wait for broadband," Gwozdz said. Council agreed that he should contact Axia Fibre Town and have the company start the process of determining if town residents would be interested in signing up. Town council wishes to be a major part of the project and would be able to advertise the possibility of obtaining the service on the town's website.

"There was nothing at the meeting that changed our mind that they might be the best ones to do this," Deputy Mayor Lorne Young said.

Crosswalk

Council is also pursuing the possibility of having a crosswalk light installed at Highway 41 and 50 Ave. and

approved a motion by Coun. Bernice Capjack that a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation asking that a solar powered crosswalk light be installed at that intersection.

Motions revised

Council rescinded previous motions regarding the Regional Emergency Management Joint Services Agreement and the Regional Occupational Health and Safety Joint Services Agreement and passed the revised agreements, which had required changes in wording.

Golf Club

Council agreed that funds are in the 2017 budget to operate the Recreation Park campground until the end of September, weather permitting. The contract normally expires annually but the Administration was authorized to negotiate with the Golf and Country Club for a multiple year agreement to operate the campground and recreation park.

After discussing the value of hearing in person from the Golf Club, council discussed the possibility of hearing from other groups in the community, who could present a similar report and discuss their plans for the coming year. It was agreed to invite the Arena Operating Committee, Allied Arts and Curling Club to meet with them, and was also suggested that the town might be able to help these groups to obtain grants for upcoming projects.

Northern Lights

Word has been received from Northern Lights Library System that this year's per capita levy remains at

\$5.07. Council was also made aware that the increase in Elk Point's population to the 2016 figure of 1,643 will mean an increase in the total payment to the System. Council moved to approve the NLLS budget as presented.

ACP Grants

A resolution passed by the County of St. Paul No. 18 regarding Alberta Community Partnership Grants for a recreation need analysis and action plan, intermunicipal development plans and a street light retrofitting feasibility study was received as information.

Council agreed to send a letter of support to an application by Evergreen Regional Waste Management for an ACP grant to conduct a leachate management feasibility study and preliminary engineering design.

Water Rates

Council moved to approve the new basic water rates of \$50 for the first 14 cubic metres, with an additional \$4 per cubic metre over that amount, basic sewer rate of \$15 per month, basic garbage fee \$15 per month and garbage bin fee \$3 per month, effective Jan. 1, 2017.

Council Minutes

Because town council minutes have traditionally not been approved until the following meeting and not posted until some time after that meeting, it could take up to a month before town residents could access the minutes. With the minutes now being done live at the council meeting, it would be possible to post them the next day in draft form. Council passed a motion to post the draft minutes in the interest of more effective and efficient communication with town residents.

Municipal Affairs

With diligent effort on behalf of town council and staff, and extensive work on financing, the town's debt load has dropped to a point where it is no longer necessary to have a debt limit extension approved. Deputy Mayor Young thanked Gwozdz and his staff for their due diligence in bringing about this result.

Town of St. Paul

The Town of St. Paul is undertaking a study for a regional solid waste processing facility and wishes to get input from other municipalities in the area. Deputy Mayor Young and the CAO agreed to talk with them regarding the potential project.

Transfer Station Hours

Council passed a motion that as of April 1, 2017, the Transfer Station will be open Thursdays in addition to the present Tuesdays and Saturdays. The change will be advertised, and the County of St. Paul will be advised of the change.

Water Meters

The change to new water meters will continue, with \$20,000 per year from the 2017 and 2018 MSI operating funding approved for this project.

Court Injunction

Administration was approved to proceed with a court injunction to remove the unsightly, dangerous and abandoned trailer, two derelict vehicles and debris from a lot in Elk Point. The cost of enforcement will be added to the lot's tax roll.

Walking Trail

Council gave Administration the go-ahead to proceed with Select Engineering to prepare tender documents for design and tendering of the walking trail for concrete walk, curb and gutter with brick inserts, with tendering to be done as soon as possible. The funding from the 2016 MSI Capital is in place and will be used match the MCFP grant.

Business Plan

Council received a comprehensive update on changes to the town's business plan in the fourth quarter of 2016, and gave it their approval.

Evergreen Business Plan

Evergreen Waste Management has submitted their new business plan, which Coun. Debra McQuinn says has been a year in the works and is well done. Council received the report as information.

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County of St. Paul will take part in upcoming Electoral Boundaries discussion

Janice Huser
Review Contributor

A meeting on Jan. 23 to discuss electoral boundaries in the province is set to take place in St. Paul, and County of St. Paul council plans to have representation at the meeting.

County of St. Paul council discussed the upcoming meeting, during its regular monthly council meeting on Jan. 10.

Coun. Glen Ockerman and Coun. Frank Sloan immediately voiced their support to send a representative to the Jan. 23 meeting, to deliver a verbal message on issues the municipality feels are important when discussing electoral boundaries.

Ockerman noted that it's already hard for government representatives to "keep focus" when constituencies cover a large geographic area.

"You can't only do it by population," said Sloan, adding, the land itself takes time, and issues around secondary highways must also be considered when drawing boundaries, along with oil and gas activity, and the amount of government land in an area.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said she heard that rural representation on the issue is very limited at this time.

"We need to be heard," she added.

"We need to maintain the rural ridings we have," said Coun. Cliff Martin.

It was also noted that a unique

challenge to rural MLAs is that they have to deal with a number of municipalities within their boundaries, whereas MLAs in cities only have one or two municipalities to deal with.

CAO Sheila Kitz noted that there would be another opportunity for offer feedback, once the boundary changes are drafted.

A motion to send representation to the Jan. 23 meeting was carried.

Building permits

According to the final tally, the County of St. Paul's development permits has increased back to 180, which is the highest it has been since 2016 when the number reached 186.

Both 2014 and 2015 saw a significant drop in the number of development permits being applied for, hitting 160 and 127, respectively. Building permits have fluctuated over the past four years, going from 183 in 2016, up to 203 in 2014, and seeing a drop to 156 in 2015. That number went back up to 205 in 2016.

But, although permit numbers appear to be increasing, the building permit value is still much lower than the three previous years. Building permit values were \$33.6 million in 2016, compared to \$54.2 million in 2015; \$59.3 million in 2014; and \$50.8 million in 2013.

This is likely a result of less oil and gas activity in the region, said CAO Sheila Kitz when offering her monthly report to council on Tuesday.

STIP funding

Council approved a motion to allow administration to submit STIP (Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program) grant applications, for a number of projects.

"STIP provides financial assistance to rural and smaller urban municipalities for developing and maintaining key transportation infrastructure. STIP supports municipalities as they complete projects that improve accessibility and the movement of goods to market, increase opportunities for economic growth and enhance safety and efficiency while extending the life of key transportation infrastructure," reads the county's agenda from Tuesday.

The four components of STIP are: local road bridge program; resource road program; community airport program; and local municipal initiative.

"We are looking at several applications," said Kitz.

Coun. Glen Ockerman asked if the STIP funding replaces previous funding. Kitz noted that she felt it was actually "probably more" funding than the previous program that was in place.

A motion to allow administration to apply for funding for two bridge files was carried. A motion to table an application to partner with the Town of Elk Point to access funding for the Elk Point Airport was tabled, due to an upcoming airport meeting that is taking place.

A motion to partner with the Town of St. Paul on a project for the St. Paul Airport was carried. The town will be the managing partner on the project, which will see lighting at the airport improved. The estimated cost of the project is \$210,000, heard council.

An application for funding for the Northern Valley Road will also be submitted. There is still seven miles of road that has to be re-graded, said Kitz. STIP does not cover the cost of paving.

Successful discussions with industry partners have also been taking place on the estimated \$4.1 million project to finish work on the road.

Mallaig Curling

The County agreed to offer a letter of support for a grant to help support a project at the Mallaig Curling Rink, estimated to cost nearly \$190,000 total.

The request came from the Mallaig Ag Society. The group has applied for a CFEP Grant to help cover the costs of the project.

"They are planning to add youth curling lockers, install a stair lift, and modernize and expand the lounge area. The total estimated project is \$189,704 and they are requesting a CFEP grant of \$98,284," said CAO Sheila Kitz.

The letter of support stated, "County Council is aware that the curling rink is the hub of the community during the winter months and it is important to upgrade the facility to meet the changing needs."

Bantam Avalanche turns up the heat with 7-0 win

Sometimes after a game the coaches are left scratching their heads wondering "What the heck?"

This happened to **Bantam Avalanche** head coach Greg Van Maaron and his assistants Tyson Stafford and Marty Bendixen. Last week they were scratching their heads, wondering why they lost two close games that their team was quite capable of winning. Then this Saturday afternoon at home they took on a stronger Lloydminster team, winning 7 to 0. So what inspired the team to turn it on like gangbusters? Maybe the fear of missing the playoffs finally clicked in? Totally focused goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maaron played outstanding and wasn't going to give an inch in this one and many times the much bigger Blazers players attacked with guns blazing but he held his ground, shut the door and it's hard to say anything more than that he played terrific. His brother, rookie Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maaron was on a one man mission to Mars or somewhere, he played terrific too, streaming down the right wing all night long and getting some wicked shots on net. He scored a hat trick, two of them on the power play, one really nice one timer, plus two assists. Tricky little 'Lighting Liam' Ludlage with two goals



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and setting up two others, 'King Cole' Bendixen and Charlie 'Angel' Rogal with a goal each, 'Angel' adding a couple of helpers, D men Evan 'Batman' Ockerman and 'Hank the Tank' Rogal with an assist each and tall, slim and handsome 'Silent Sam' Henderson with an assist as well. The steady stay at home 'Stafford Streak' Jace Stafford, is a safety net when everyone else is out on the free range. He stopped a few guys in their right in

their tracks on more than one occasion on a breakaway.

When you're hot, you're hot! And the **Midget Avalanche** are as hot as a firecracker right now. Three big wins this past weekend, undefeated in the New Year. In fact it goes back a lot further than I can remember. Confidence is a great thing, but we also don't want them to get too fat of a head and think they are invincible. But, talk about 'In-dis- Spencer-able'. Goalie Spencer the 'Fortress' Hardcastle has been the lone goalie ever since Shayne 'Hercules' Hurtubise broke his ankle last week... and has come through in flying colours. No bad luck for the Avalanche on Friday the 13th winning over Provost 5 to 1 here at home. Two goals, plus two assists and two trips to the sin bin for the 'Big O' Brody Odgaard. Chad

'Pick Pocket' Poitras, Kyle 'Ketchup' Kjenner, and 'Wheels' Christian Castle -Wasson all with a goal each, Bowen 'Bam Bam' Krider, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson, Angus 'Micky' McFarlane, and Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage all with helpers. All guts and no glory... defenseman Cyle 'Grinder' Graus is rarely on the game sheet for goals or assists, but week after week, he grinds it out like a true trooper on our blue line getting his nose dirty in the corners and in front of the net.

They say you should never wake up a sleeping giant! On Saturday up in Bonnyville, shortly after lunchtime, the boys were still all a little sleepy to start the game and were down 3 to 1 after the first period. After a wake up call in the dressing room by head coach Gerry Kjenner, the Pontiacs were wishing he had left the sleeping giant alone. I'm talking about a real giant of a man, the six foot four 'Big O' responded with four goals, and when he is on a roll he's impossible to control. One goal by the little slick stick handling five foot four 'Sparky' who also had three assists, single goals by 'Hot Wheels', 'Ketchup' and team 'Captain Obvious' Austin Stafford. 'Pick Pocket's' picking up a couple of assists. 'Micky' with one assist too.

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Now, that's commitment

Volunteers come and go, and many organizations are forced to curtail projects and even to dissolve due to lack of willing workers.

Fortunately for the patients and staff of Elk Point Healthcare Centre, which was earlier known as the Elk Point Hospital, the Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary has more staying power than the organizations that have faded into oblivion over the years.

Starting out with 14 members, a number that grew by two even before the first meeting, the Auxiliary almost doubled its membership in the first year, and has stayed relatively strong ever since, with close to 20 members at the present time.

Those who have experienced hospital stays over those years have benefitted from the efforts of this group of willing workers, both by the use of equipment they have donated for patient comfort and by the little personal touches they continue to provide, such as flowers or other favours on their trays to mark special occasions throughout the year.

Many homes have a plate or mug in their souvenir collection emblazoned with photos of the old, pre-1977 hospital and the current hospital that was opened that year. Many mothers have a tiny "I Was Born at Elk Point Hospital" t-shirt tucked away as a souvenir of the days when the facility's delivery room and newborn nursery were busy accommodating the area's newest arrivals.

Many of those hardworking hands of yesteryear are now at rest, but those who have followed have taken up the torch and are carrying on their fine tradition of caring about the wellbeing of healthcare clients and making their stays as pleasant as possible.

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Elk Point Hospital Auxiliary: back in the beginning

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BY W. ELASCHUK
Elk Point Reflections

The Elk Point Hospital Auxiliary was organized on March 31, 1976. Initial membership of sixteen has grown to the present total of thirty-eight. Executive for 1976 are Ruth Vogel, President; Joslien Wannechko, Vice-President; Deanna Fakeley, Secretary; Violet McFadyen, Treasurer; Elsie Oryschuk, Canteen Chairperson; Rilla Higgins, Publicity Person.

The three general areas in which the auxiliary functions are: (1) Volunteer in-service (within the hospital), (2) fund raising, (3) public relations. Auxiliary members give their time for personal, friendly visits to the patients, doing small personal services for them.

Money raised by the auxiliary is spent within the hospital for equipment and other items that can be used by the patients. We endeavor to provide the little extras to the patients in an effort to make their stay in the hospital more comfortable.

Equipment and supplies purchased: a wheelchair, commemorative mugs (of old and new hospital), pop dispensing machine, four rug kits (these are hooked by the patients), four radios (for patient use), wool (for knitting articles for the gift counter), 12 over-bed tables, alternating pressure pad, portable blood pressure monitor, and sink and chair (for patient's hair care).

Auxiliary services include the canteen, mobile cart

and visitations. The canteen is also operated by volunteers under the Work Experience Program. Junior Volunteer pins have been awarded to the participants by the Hospital Auxiliary.

Patient services for special occasions include tray favors (for St. Patrick's, St. Valentine's and Christmas Day); flowers (for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day); fruit baskets (for Thanksgiving Day); records for pediatrics (at Christmas); engraved baby spoons and commemorative mugs given to last baby born in the old hospital, and to first baby born in the new hospital; also a gift for the 'Christmas Baby' of engraved spoon and sleepers.

Money-raising projects include sale of rags, bakeless bake sale, money-doll raffle, rug raffles, gift counter, pop machine, bazaar and bake tables at the flea market.

Special projects: October 8, 1976 - served tea and provided guided tours at official opening of the new hospital, and on May 12, 1977 - Hospital Day-served tea, held bake sale and bazaar in the hospital waiting room.

Under Public Relations the auxiliary sponsored a public information meeting on arthritis on October 26 of 1977.

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RECREATION CORNER

Date changed for ski trip

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Review Contributor

Heads up! Last week I had reported that the Family Ski Trip would be Jan 31. Sorry. It turns out the hill is closed on Tuesday. The trip is now scheduled for Feb 4. And the transportation remains free thanks to Xtreme Oilfield and County of St Paul Elk Point FCSS.

I've spoken to the hill and they say tickets, with lift and rentals, will be under \$30 a person. If you have your own equipment that will be even less! There are also great tubing rates, and lessons available. Check out Kinsoo.ca for all the details on their services.

There is a \$10 deposit per seat. This is to ensure that if you book a seat, you're going to attend the trip. Because the transportation is free, the Rec Department didn't want people saying they were attending, then not showing, which would mean other people couldn't go. So, we will return the \$10 upon boarding.

You can still cancel if you pay today and then something comes up. The cancellation cutoff is Jan 31 at 4:30 p.m. No money for cancellation or no shows will be returned after that.

Kids, 17 and under, must be accompanied by an adult, 18 and older, one adult per five kids. If you have any questions, feel free to call/text me 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca

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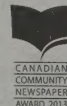
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Elks tied with Lashburn Flyers after 4-2 win

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A 4-2 defeat of Lashburn Flyers moved the Elk Point Elks up one notch to tie for fourth place in the SaskAlta Senior Hockey League standings with that team, just one point behind the Marwayne Comets and six points behind the Dewberry Mustangs. The league leading Wainwright Rustlers are still undefeated after another weekend of play.

Chevy Botting opened the scoring only 52 seconds into Saturday's game in Lashburn, off assists by Jordyn Wozniak and Jason Kalynchuk, with the Elks hanging on to the lead until just over six minutes remained in the period, when the home team evened the score.

Lashburn scored the only goal in the second period, and held the lead until 2:44 into the final frame, when Matthew Boulianne tied the score with some help

from Wozniak and Myles Whitford. An unassisted goal by Myles Quinney just over two minutes later put the Elks back in the lead, with Whitford adding the final marker of the evening, assisted by Derek West and Scott Ward, half a period later.

The Elks have three games on the schedule this week, including one last night in Hillmond against the Hitmen. They will be at home to the Kitscoty Monarchs on Saturday night for an 8:30 p.m. game, and on Sunday, they will travel to Marwayne to take on the Dewberry Mustangs at 5 p.m.

Also coming up in the near future is the Elks Alumni Game on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m., following a registration and meet-and-greet session for this night of nostalgia where you can cheer on your favourite players from the past. That game will be followed by the Elks' final game of the regular season, against the Paradise Hill Hawks, at 8:30 p.m.

Hockey

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On Sunday the midgets traveled to Kitscoty to play our old rivals, winning once more this one 5 to 3. The 'Big O' with two, one of them into the empty net after the Pit Bulls pulled the goalie trying to tie the game, 'Wheels', 'Captain Obvious' and 'Hot Wheels' with one goal each. Two assists for 'Ketchup'.

Seven difference goal scorers for the **Novice 1B** team who hosted Kikino on Saturday morning and became victorious winning 7 to 2. The Avalanche didn't start out too strong, goalie 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk keeping them in the game; he had a lot of breakaways to deal with and stopped a ton of rubber. He's pretty darn good at handling the pressure. Goals by Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMoissac, Miles 'Millions' Koren, Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka, Brendan 'Buzz' Kadutski, Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk, Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman and Riley 'Coyote' Bourne. Assists by the sister act Charlotte 'Cho-Cho' and Anna 'the Banana' Henderson. On Sunday they traveled to Marwayne winning quite easily 7 to 1, 'Snoopy' with a hat trick, 'Millions' scoring two, 'Dynamite', the 'Banana' and 'BJ' with one each.

Friday night was quite alright for the **Atom Avalanche** who traveled to Marwayne to play a true tier one team that head coach James Capjack knew could be trouble and would be a tough one to compete with. This was an exhibition game, but a great way for a little tune up before provincials. Down 6 to 4 after 40 minutes the boys would really rally

in the third and come home happy with a 7 all tie. Five goals for the high flying 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras, Cash 'CC' Capjack cashing in two, assists for Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron and Phoenix 'Power' Quinney-Canning. On Sunday at home against Cold Lake, the competition wasn't quite as tough but still not a push over by any means; the game was very close for most of it, the Avalanche winning 4 to 1. Two goals for 'King Kong Konnor', Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman and 'CC' with one each. 'Top Gunner' Crawford, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand, 'Power' and Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch Baker with assists.

'That's a big ten - four good buddy!' The **Novice 1A** team traveled to St. Paul on Saturday winning 10 to 4, Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with a hat trick in the first period, all of them unassisted, 'Without a Trace' Morgan with a hat trick as well, his took the whole game, in fact the final goal was with seven seconds left on the clock. 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas, his sister 'Stellar Ella', 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa, 'Super Spencer' Malachowski with one each, Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson assisting. Behind the mask Sebastien 'Bruce' Brousseau had a great game in net keeping the puck out.

One of the best efforts all year by the **Peewee Avalanche** who lost to St. Paul by a close 5 to 4 on Friday night. The entire team played great. Josef 'Big Red' Theriault scoring his first goal of the year and winning the heart and hustle, 'Mic Jagger' Fontaine with a hat trick, Landon 'the Magnificent' Malchowski with two assists, Odin

'the Wall' Smith with an assist, team captain Kobe 'the Cobra' Warawa was flying, power forwards Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk and 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal played great. Vanden 'Super Mario' Morozuk was pulled in the final minute for the extra attacker, the Avalanche coming close to tying it up. Sunday the peewees traveled to Saddle Lake, the outcome wasn't as great but still a good effort by all. 'Mic Jagger' with six goals and two assists, 'Magnificent' and the 'Cobra' with a goal and an assist each. The 'Wall', 'Big Red' and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman all with assists.

The **Bantam Girls Storm** haven't played since the Sunday before Christmas, but even though they were a little rusty they played extremely well, giving a 100 per cent effort against the Lakeland Panthers, a team who draws players from all over the Cold Lake, Bonnyville and Pierceland area... they are strong no doubt, but our girls never backed down one bit. Goalie Heaven 'the Brick House' Colbourne was really in the zone, facing 63 shots in this one, she played awesome and made some incredible saves. Jelena 'Prime Time' Parr and her sister Laramie 'Louis' Parr both had quality chances on breakaways. Sydnee 'the Kid' Crawford the Storm Trooper of the game, she was a force in both ends of the rink.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "You'll never catch me bragging about goals, but I'll talk all you want about my assists." Last week's answer to "Whoever said 'It's not whether you win or lose,' probably lost." - Martina Navratilova

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HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2017 Council Meeting

Citizen Self Service is now available for residents to access information on their tax, utility and accounts receivable accounts. In order to register, residents will need their owner number and account number which is on their Tax Notice, AR Invoice or Utility Invoice. Go to the County home page, click on "Citizen Self Service" and then click on "Register". Follow the prompts to set up your login and create a password. You will receive an email almost immediately. Click on the link in the email and your registration will be complete. Go back to the main screen and sign on using your Owner number and password.

GIS System - Public access to the County GIS system is now available. The system provides *public information* on all county properties. Visit the County webpage at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca. Click on "Webmap" and then on the "HERE" button. Click on the "Searches" tab and then use the drop down line under search groups. At this point, enter the legal description or the rural address of the property you are looking for. If you would like to access the Ortho (Aerial) photos, hover over the imagery tab (top right) and check off the "Current Images" box. The ortho photos will appear on your screen.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Grants - The County will be applying for a grant for funding to repair bridge files located in NE 17-56-7-W4 and SW 17-59-9-W4. The County will also be submitting a grant application for funding to regrade 7 miles of the Northern Valley Road.

The County will be partnering with the Town of St. Paul for a STIP grant for funding for upgrades to the St. Paul Airport, with the Town of St. Paul as the managing partner.

Spedden/Ashmont Water Transmission Line - is now complete. A new fee structure for Ashmont and Lottie Lake has been set and will become effective Mid-March. The rates are based on a detailed cost of service analysis and are proportionate to the services provided to each residence or building.

FCSS - The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS has partnered with the Elk Point Recreation Department for a family skiing trip to Kinosoo Ridge in Cold Lake on February 4. FCSS will cover the cost of bussing. To register contact the Town of Elk Point office before January 31st.

Recreation Agreement - Council renewed their Recreation Agreement with the Town of St. Paul for a one year term. The County will pay the Town of St. Paul \$300,000 for 2017 and will begin negotiations in October for the 2018 agreement. The region is planning to do a Parks and Recreation Needs Analysis and Action Plan in 2017 that will provide more complete information for the municipalities to consider when looking at the funding model in the future.

Funding Support:

- \$1,000 Elk Point Minor Hockey to Host Midget "D" Provincials
- \$1,000 St. Paul Jr. B Canadiens to Host Provincial Tournament

For more information, contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208

Elk Point participating in Week of Prayer

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

While it's been over a decade since local churches have been celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in town, it's been over a century since the initiative first began.

In the early 1900s, the observance of the "Church Unity Octave" was initiated in a church about 50 miles from New York. The eight days of prayer has since grown and blossomed over the years, says Caroline Yewchin, one of many locals who organize the initiatives that take place in and around St. Paul, each year.

The Week of Prayer initiative in St. Paul also began small, with one service. But, just like the Week of Prayer has grown exponentially on a global scale, so have the services around St. Paul.

One of the clear benefits of the Week of Prayer is how those who participate feel a sense of comfort in churches they may have otherwise felt like strangers in.

Father Peter Haugen of the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church in St. Paul says he immediately saw the benefits of the Week of Prayer when he moved to St. Paul a few years ago.

After taking part in the weeklong services, and seeing some of the same people repeatedly that he may not have ordinarily met, he felt an obvious "sense of community."

Yewchin says she believes the Week of Prayer continues to be successful because it focuses on what makes

Christians the same, rather than focusing on what makes them different.

This focus is important in a world where often, churches appear to be divided, she adds.

This year, the Week of Prayer will welcome another church to its celebrations - St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church from Elk Point. The Elk Point church will hold the first of six services between Jan. 19 and Jan. 24.

In St. Paul, the Week of Prayer is organized and sponsored by the St. Paul Interchurch Group, which is made up of a group of people from different churches in the area.

Along with Elk Point joining in on the week of services, another new feature of this year's Week of Prayer is that the main ecumenical service will be held in the morning of Jan. 21. Following the service, a brunch will also be served, further encouraging a sense of community and unity.

Each year during the Week of Prayer, collections are done during each church service, and these funds are given to a specific community project. This year, St. Paul Education Regional Division will receive the funds, which will be directed to a youth mental health project.

"Some (people) give at every service. Some give at their own service," says Haugen, adding, regardless of what people decide to give, there always seems to be enough collected for a decent gift to whichever project has been chosen.

Yewchin believes that choosing a

service project each year allows the group to give back to the community and, "Spread the love and kindness."

Each year, a different country is given the task of developing materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this year, those materials have been developed by Germany.

The theme for 2017 is "Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us." The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Jan. 18 to Jan. 25, annually, across the world.

Schedule

- Jan 19, 7 p.m. - St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point
- Jan. 20, 11:38 a.m. - Racette Jr. High (St. Paul)
- Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - All Saints Ukrainian Cultural Centre - main ecumenical worship service (St. Paul)
- Jan. 22, 7 p.m. - St. Mathias Roman Catholic Church (Goodfish Lake)
- Jan. 23, 7 p.m. - St. Paul Cathedral
- Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. - St. Paul United Church (St. Paul)



ROYAL PURPLE DONATES TO CHILDREN'S AREA - Lavern Kittlitz and Lois Sharek of Elk Point Royal Purple presented a \$2,500 donation from the lodge to Elk Point Library manager Daphne Schnurer and Friends of the Library president Sherry Milholland to assist with the children's area.

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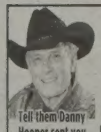
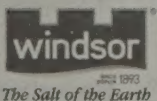
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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE were Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary members and former members, front, left to right: Peggy Smereka, Lyn Young, Joslien Wannechko, Gloria Lecopoy, Lillian Ewasiuk, Lena Stepa, Carolyn Onusko, Marge Saranchuk, Marguerite Friesen; back, left to right: Tom Holliday (auditor), Erna Holliday, Deanna Fakeley, Gunhild Nelson, Agnes Moroziuk, Elaine Bartee, Levina Ewasiuk, Millie Orr, Ruth Vogel, Marilyn Habiak, Bernice Capjack, Lois Sharek, Myrna Fox, Val Poitras. Not shown: Loretta Pinder.

Auxiliary

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A moment of silence was observed to remember former members who had passed away over the years.

President Fox proudly displayed a certificate of congratulations received at the November convention from the Alberta Healthcare Auxiliaries Association honouring the 40 years "of voluntary service to the Healthcare Facility and community."

The Auxiliary was organized on March 31, 1976, and by the first meeting on April 12 of that year, had 16 members, with 14 of them and one visitor present, according to minutes from that meeting, which Fox shared with the group. The Auxiliary decided to open a savings account, with a bank balance of \$32, representing the year's dues. Meetings were to be held on the fourth Monday of each month. With Elk Point's new hospital not yet opened, the group agreed not to hold a Hospital Day event that year, and for the canteen to be looked after by hospital staff until the move to the new facility, when it would be donated to the Auxiliary.

Plans were made to place daffodils on the patients' trays for Easter, with coloured eggs for the children, and to provide rose corsages as tray favours on Mother's Day. Future meetings would see each member bring an item for the canteen cart for roll call. The executive would draw up a constitution, which would be tabled for two months before passing. Fundraising items included a 'bakeless bake sale,' where members would simply contribute the amount they would probably spend at a bake sale, and a money doll raffle. Future projects included having plates or mugs made with pictures of the old and new hospitals, and purchasing televisions to rent to patients.

Fox showed the progress made during the Auxiliary's first year, reading the president's annual report from March 1, 1977, which stated the year had been busy with getting organized "and the whole program new to all of us." The provincial association president and provincial recording secretary had attended the organizational meeting, "and since that time it has been full speed ahead." Membership had grown to 33, with most being very active. Tray favours were provided for special occasions throughout the year, the auxiliary donated a wheelchair to the hospital at the official opening, four radios were purchased for patient use and records were purchased for the pediatric department. The Auxiliary also purchased a pop machine, with payments of \$18.50 per month for five years, which would be serviced by St. Paul Beverages, whose bottled pop would be supplied at

the cost of \$4.15 per case of 24, plus a \$1.40 deposit.

Over the almost 40 years since that first annual report, Fox said, "the Auxiliary activities and functions have continued to grow and evolve. As we look at the early pictures, we reflect on the dedicated hands at work at bake sales, bazaars, quilting, rung making, etc., along with all the equipment and assistance to the hospital. So much was done way back then in the name of volunteerism.

"The same goals and objectives have been part of the growth process. As the years have unfolded, fundraising has changed somewhat," she noted. "We no longer have bazaars and bake sales, but we have quilt raffles and sales of two different cookbooks, and we receive charitable and memorial donations. Our memorial wall raises money in memory of people who have passed on."

Fox said that the Auxiliary's efforts now include Parkview Extended Care along with the health care centre, "and we provide some assistance to community health activities as well."

The organization's constitution has been updated through the years, "but the basic purposes of the Auxiliary remain the same - to help provide medical services to our region," Fox added.

The Auxiliary offers three scholarships to students going into the medical field, the \$500 Dr. Anne Weigerinck Scholarship to a student who has successfully completed one year of a two or more year accredited program in that field, and two \$250 Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary Scholarships to students entering the first year of a one-year accredited program in the medical field.

"Lots is happening," Fox concluded. "Auxiliaries across the province and across Saskatchewan are having a hard time due to lack of volunteers and aging volunteers, but we are still growing, and will have 20 members by February. Thanks to each and every one for your dedication and commitment."

As the program ended, present and past members enjoyed browsing through albums of photos and clippings that chronicled the history of the organization, and sharing their reminiscences.

"You make lasting friendships when you volunteer, original president Ruth Vogel remarked, while her vice president from way back then, Joslien Wannechko, said it was "nice to come back and see one part of our lives is in such capable hands. They're doing a super job." Original secretary Deanna Fakeley recalled her years with the Auxiliary saying, "I totally enjoyed it."

One volunteer who joined more recently was Elaine Bartee, who "came to see if the Auxiliary would raffle a quilt. They said, 'Sure - if you will join the Auxiliary.' That was in 2007 or 2008, and I've been here ever since."



ALMOST 40-YEAR MEMBERS - Gloria Lecopoy, Gunnie Nelson and Lois Sharek have been members of the Healthcare Auxiliary almost as long as the group has been in existence.

See Page 4 for more on Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary's early years, as shown in Elk Point Reflections



HISTORY IN ALBUMS AND CLIPPINGS were studied by (above, left to right) Gloria Lecopoy, Lillian Ewasiuk, Marguerite Friesen, Levina Ewasiuk, Carolyn Onusko and Marge Saranchuk. More clippings and photos covered a trio of display boards, below.

